



Robert L. LaDuca

March 31, 2026

Robert LaDuca

Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara; children, Dr. Jeffrey (Wendy), Greg (Bridget) and Emily Burke, DVM (Josh Cartmill); grandchildren, Nick, Thomas, Michael, Jon, Tim (Liberty), Ned, Robbie, Rosalie and Henry; and several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Robert was born and raised on Buffalo's West Side and attended Holy Angels School before going on to Bishop Fallon High School, where a strong Catholic education and sense of community shaped his early years.

After graduating, he pursued his lifelong dream of becoming a physician, continuing his studies in Italy. It was there that he built not only his career, but also his family.

He married Barbara, the love of his life, at Christmastime, and together they shared a devoted marriage of 60 years. During their five years in Bologna, Italy, they welcomed their first son, Jeffrey, in 1967. In the years that followed, they were blessed with two more children, their son Greg and daughter Emily. Returning to Buffalo, he completed his internship and residency at Mercy and Deaconess Hospital. He went on to serve two years as an emergency room physician before establishing a private family practice in the Southtowns. Over a career spanning more than four decades, he cared for generations of families with dedication and compassion.

He will be remembered for his commitment to his patients, his deep love for his family, and the life he built rooted in service, faith, and community.

Family and friends may call Monday 8:30am-9:30am at St. Pius Tenth Church, 3000 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624. Funeral Mass to immediately follow calling at 9:30am at church. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 6. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Pius Tenth Church
3000 Chili Ave
Rochester, NY 14624

Funeral Mass

APR 6. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MO

“ I met Dr. LaDuca when I was a student nurse and he was one of the ER Physicians at Mercy Hospital. He always took the time to explain things to the students and treated them with patience and respect. When he went into private practice he became my family doctor and we remained his patients until he was ready to retire. He was the gold standard for physicians and we were blessed to be under his care for so many years.

Miriam Oster - April 07 at 02:44 PM

JL

“ Jim & Heather, Mike, and Giovanni LaDuca purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert L. LaDuca.



Jim & Heather, Mike, and Giovanni LaDuca - April 06 at 05:46 PM

DG

“ I worked as Dr. LaDuca's nurse for 18 years, right up to his retirement. He was a shining example of what it means to be genuinely kind, compassionate and caring not only to his patients but to his staff as well. He will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to Barb and family.

Dawn Gnojek - April 06 at 03:29 PM

MT

“ Of all the good Fallon Flyer friends, I remember Duke the fondest. I was fortunate to reconnect with Dr. Bob last year after 61 years and he was just as "cool" as I had remembered. To his family and friends my condolences on losing such a great man. MIKE TAYLOR

Mike Taylor - April 04 at 02:49 PM

MA

“ Fellow Fallon Flyer and most recent breakfast companion. Now, as then, ever a gentle man! Modesto Argenio

Modesto Argenio - April 04 at 11:19 AM

AL

“ Anthony Piccolo and Robin Lyle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert L. LaDuca.



Anthony Piccolo and Robin Lyle - April 04 at 11:16 AM

AL

“ Anthony Piccolo and Robin Lyle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert L. LaDuca.

Anthony Piccolo and Robin Lyle - April 04 at 11:16 AM

JM

“ I attended BishopFallon High School with Larry. He was a great person and we shared a long our Italian heritage and great memories of the WEST SIDE OF BUFFALO. God bless Larry and his family. 🙏🙏

Joe Monaco - April 04 at 10:43 AM

LB

“ My deepest condolences to Barb and family. He was so much more to me than my employer... He was a dear friend. When my husband was in Roswell he came just about every day. Was there with my family both nights at his wake. Will never forget his kindness and all the happy memories of our little office on Woodside Ave. He was a great man and I will forever miss him. RIP my friend.

Linda Barrett - April 03 at 04:02 PM

LW

“ Dear Barb and family, it was lovely to see Gramps at Tim and Libby's wedding. It was the last time I was in his company and it was enjoyable. He was a great guy and will be missed. With sympathy, Lynda Wunderlich

lynda wunderlich - April 02 at 09:37 PM

JC

“ Dr. LaDuca (Larry) was my PCP for over 30 years. He was an incredible doctor and a truly wonderful & caring human being. I also had the pleasure of knowing him on a personal level through golf and Wanakah CC. My condolences to his family.

Jim C - April 02 at 09:25 PM

MK

“ Dr LaDuca was a wonderful Doctor and a compassionate person. I had the honor of working for him and seeing his dedication to so many long time patients also so many friends. Best job ever. Thank You Dr. LadDuca for your kindness.

Margaret Kielbiewicz - April 02 at 07:14 PM

SG

“ *My sincere condolences to Barbara and the LaDuca family.
Suzanne Gannon*

Suzanne Gannon - April 02 at 01:51 PM

JJ

“ *Jeff & Wendy, Nick, TJ, Mike, & Jon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert L. LaDuca.*

Jeff & Wendy, Nick, TJ, Mike, & Jon - April 02 at 12:37 PM

JJ

“ *Jeff & Wendy, Nick, TJ, Mike, & Jon purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Robert L. LaDuca.*



Jeff & Wendy, Nick, TJ, Mike, & Jon - April 02 at 12:37 PM

CP

“ *Our sincerest condolences to the Entire LaDuca Family
Carol A . & TODD R . PALCZEWSKI*

Carol A Palczewski - April 02 at 10:59 AM

AD

“ *A great friend and physician to our family for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with the LaDuca family.*

Andy DeVincentis - April 02 at 10:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Robert L. LaDuca.



April 01 at 06:58 PM